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Subject: RE: EO 13990: Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis

Dear Colleagues,

For your information.

Please note, below is a list of internal milestones, I plan to meet and follow to meet the February 5th deadline to the Office of Policy. As you will see below ARD will be coordinating with our headquarters office and Regional Counsel. Please consider coordinate with your NPM as you feel is necessary. Also, please consider preparing a 'We Care' factsheet for those actions you plan to include in the February 5th submission (as noted below). Friendly reminder, if you have not already, pls forward POCs to me by COB tomorrow, so I can ease your email traffic.

Have a great day,

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Subject: Executive Order 13990 (Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis).

EO Charge: This Executive Order (EO) requires us to “review all existing regulations, orders, guidance documents, policies, and any other similar agency actions (agency actions) promulgated, issued, or adopted between January 20, 2017, and January 20, 2021, that are or may be inconsistent with, or present obstacles to, the policy set forth in section 1 of this order.”

Immediate Action Item: by February 5th R6 provide a draft list of actions potentially subject to this EO to Office of Policy

Internal Schedule of Milestones:

- 1) ARD to create a SharePoint site for document sharing and input 1/26
- 2) ARD pulls a list of the CAA actions during the four year period. 1/26
- 3) By email request POC's from all applicable Divisions. 1/26
- 4) Request input of EO action items from other Divisions 1/26
- 5) ORC to flag those Air actions that are in judicial review. 1/27
- 6) ARD meet to discuss which actions that potentially should be reconsidered. 1/28
- 7) ARD and other Divisions develop fact sheets with potential options/outcomes of reconsideration. 2/3
- 8) ARD consults with OAQPS regarding our findings. 2/3
- 9) ORC consults with OGC 2/3
- 10) Discuss and brief RA 2/4
- 11) Submit draft list to OP 2/5

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Subject: EO 13990: Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis

Dear Colleagues,

As you can see below, David Gray assigned me the task of reviewing, consulting, compiling, briefing and tracking the Region 6 effort for Executive Order 13990 (Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis).

This Executive Order (EO) requires us to “review all existing regulations, orders, guidance documents, policies, and any other similar agency actions (agency actions) promulgated, issued, or adopted between January 20, 2017, and January 20, 2021, that are or may be inconsistent with, or present obstacles to, the policy set forth in section 1 of this order.”

The EO can be found at [Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis](#)

As part of this effort the Air and Radiation Division developed an Excel file with worksheets of Region 6 actions based on Federal Register publications. The Excel file can be found at:

https://usepa.sharepoint.com/sites/r6_Work/R6AirRegs/SCCEO

By 2/2/21, please review the Excel file and create a list of your Division’s actions that you believe should be potentially reviewed under the executive order. Carl Young and Karolina Ruan-Lei of my staff can help your staff develop these worksheets.

Please note that the Office of Policy will distribute an initial list of agency actions during the week of January 25. We’ll share this list when we receive it. In the meantime, the following link is a list of major agency actions from the White House that will be subject to this EO.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/01/20/fact-sheet-list-of-agency-actions-for-review/>

To facilitate any future R6 EO outreach, action items and coordination please forward me and Carl Young your Office/Division preferred POC by 1/28/21. If you don't think your organization will have any input, pls let me know that as well. Should you have any questions, please contact or have your staff contact Carl Young or Karolina Ruan-Lei.

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Subject: ACTION: Implementation of President Biden's Executive Orders

All – We are beginning to receive several assignments pursuant to the President's executive orders. Please read the attached email from our new CoS regarding several near-term deadlines. By way of this email, I am making SES sub-assignments for each of the identified Executive Orders. Please let me know immediately if any of these are incorrect and need to be reassigned to another SES director. Each assignee will be responsible for reviewing, consulting, compiling, briefing and tracking the Region 6 effort for me. Thank you for your continued support.

David

From: Utech, Dan <Utech.Dan@epa.gov>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 6:08 PM
TO: Current and Acting EPA Leadership
FR: Dan Utech, Chief of Staff
RE: Implementation of President Biden's Executive Orders

This past week, President Biden issued a set of Executive Orders, several of which require EPA to take action with urgent deadlines. Many of you likely have already read and started developing implementation plans for the components of the orders relevant to your programs and offices. To ensure that we stay on pace agencywide to meet our obligations, I ask that each office review the following and develop a plan to meet the urgent and longer-term deadlines.

URGENT DEADLINES

Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis [DAVID GARCIA]

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actions identified by the agencies, the heads of agencies shall, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, consider suspending, revising, or rescinding the agency actions.” **Within 30 days, EPA must submit to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget a preliminary list of any actions being considered that would be completed by December 31, 2021, and that would be subject to OMB review.** With this thirty-day deadline in mind, please note the following milestones:

Internal Deadlines

February 5: Programs/Offices provide draft lists to Office of Policy

February 12: Final lists due to Office of Policy

February 19: EPA List submitted to OMB

To assist in the development of lists of agency actions, the Office of Policy will distribute an initial list during the week of January 25.

Executive Order on Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing [JAMES MCDONALD]

January 27, 2021: Administrator must report on progress of implementation of mask mandate and COVID protocols across EPA campuses.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND MEMOS FOR REVIEW

Please review the following and develop a plan for meeting the given deadlines and completing the tasks in your purview. Additional details on process and timelines will follow.

MEMO: Regulatory Freeze Pending Review [JAMES MCGUIRE]

MEMO: Modernizing Regulatory Review [CHARLES MAGUIRE]

Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis [DAVID GARCIA]

Executive Order on Revocation of Certain Executive Orders Concerning Federal Regulation [JAMES MCGUIRE]

Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government [JAMES MCDONALD]

Executive Order on Organizing and Mobilizing the United States Government to Provide a Unified and Effective Response to Combat COVID-19 and to Provide United States Leadership on Global Health and Security [JAMES MCDONALD]

Executive Order on Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing [JAMES MCDONALD]

Executive Order on Ensuring an Equitable Pandemic Response and Recovery [JAMES MCDONALD]

Executive Order on Ensuring a Data-Driven Response to COVID-19 and Future High-Consequence Public Health Threats [JAMES MCDONALD]

Executive Order on Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Personnel [JAMES MCGUIRE]

Executive Order on Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation [JAMES MCDONALD]

Executive Order on Establishing the COVID-19 Pandemic Testing Board and Ensuring a Sustainable Public Health Workforce for COVID-19 and Other Biological Threats [WREN STENGER]

Executive Order on Protecting the Federal Workforce [JAMES MCDONALD]

Executive Order on Economic Relief Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic [JAMES MCDONALD]